

BILL NO. **93-58**

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 93-58 (as amended)

Introduced by Council Members Wagner and Glassman

Legislative Day No. 93-21

Date August 10, 1993

AN ACT to add new Article XXXVI, Division of Emergency Operations, to Part 4, Administrative Offices and Agencies, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish the duties of the Division of Emergency Operations; to create certain positions within the Division of Emergency Operations; to transfer certain employees within the Harford County Sheriff's Office to classified service with Harford County Government; to transfer certain equipment from the Harford County Sheriff's Office to the Harford County Government; to establish a certain deadline for the Division to start operating; and generally related to emergency operations in the County.

By the Council, August 10, 1993

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on: September 8, 1993 at C.M.Wright High School
at: 6:00 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on September 8, 1993, and concluded on, September 8, 1993

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, That new Article XXXVI, Division of Emergency Operations, be, and it is hereby, added to Part 4, Administrative Offices and Agencies, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies.

Part 4. Administrative Offices and Agencies.

ARTICLE XXXVI. DIVISION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

SECTION 9-200. CREATION.

THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 89-1, AND IS ADMINISTERED BY A CHIEF WHO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 9-201. POWERS AND DUTIES.

THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

(1) RECEIVING AND HANDLING ALL 911 TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE COUNTY;

(2) TRANSFERRING REQUESTS FOR POLICE SERVICE TO THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OR MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES, WHEN APPROPRIATE;

(3) RECEIVING AND DISPATCHING REQUESTS FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, RESCUE SERVICE, AND SERVICE FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE;

(4) PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE;

(5) MANAGING AND IMPLEMENTING ALL EMERGENCY PLANS FOR MAJOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS;

(6) COMMANDING AND CONTROLLING THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM;

(7) ACTING AS LIAISON WITH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES WHICH SERVE THE COUNTY, AND THE HARFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION;

(8) MANAGING AND MAINTAINING A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USED BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, RESCUE SERVICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE;

(9) CONTROLLING AND COORDINATING THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO MAJOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS; AND

(10) PERFORMING SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, OR BY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That:

A. All positions of senior police communication officer and police communication officer within the Harford County Sheriff's Office as stated in the fiscal year 1994 budget shall be abolished and re-created within the Division of Emergency Operations.

B. Employees who currently occupy the positions being abolished in the Harford County Sheriff's Office by this Act shall be entitled to assume the equal position within the Division of Emergency Operations.

C. Employees in the positions of senior police communication officer and police communication officer who have successfully completed the probationary period with the Harford County Sheriff's Office shall be deemed classified employees of the Harford County

1 government and shall not be required to serve an additional new
2 employee probationary period. Employees in these positions who
3 have not completed the probationary period with the Harford County
4 Sheriff's Office on the date that they are placed within the
5 Division of Emergency Operations shall be required to serve the
6 remainder of the probationary period.

7 D. Personnel records of all Harford County Sheriff's Office
8 employees who are placed within the Division of Emergency
9 Operations by this Act shall be transferred to the Harford County
10 Department of Human Resources.

11 E. All employees of the Harford County Sheriff's Office who
12 are placed within the Division of Emergency Operations by this Act
13 shall be entitled to retain the seniority, benefits, and rank
14 acquired prior to the date they are placed within the Division.

15 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted, That upon the transfer of
16 the communication functions from the Harford County Sheriff's
17 Office to the Division of Emergency Operations, the Sheriff of
18 Harford County shall transfer to the Division of Emergency
19 Operations all radio communication and computer equipment utilized
20 within police communication operations of the Sheriff's office,
21 including title to such equipment and licenses for the operation
22 of the radio communication equipment.

23 Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted, That the Division of
24 Emergency Operations shall be established and all functions and
25 duties of the police communication operations of the Harford County

1 Sheriff's Office shall be undertaken by the Division 30 calendar
2 days after the effective date of this Act.

3 Section 5. And Be It Further Enacted, That the Sheriff shall
4 assign an officer to the Division of Emergency Operations to act
5 as a liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the Division of
6 Emergency Operations.

7 Section 6. And Be It Further Enacted, That the Harford County
8 Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Association (formerly Fire Chiefs'
9 Association) will continue to advise the Director of Administration
10 pursuant to §28-11 of the Harford County Code.

11 Section 7. And Be It Further Enacted, That any operating or
12 capital funds appropriated under the Annual Budget and
13 Appropriation Ordinance to the Sheriff's Office for purposes of
14 communications shall be transferred to the Division of Emergency
15 Operations in accordance with the functions described and provided
16 for in this Act. The transfer shall be effective upon the date
17 that the functions and duties are undertaken by the Division of
18 Emergency Operations.

19 ~~Section 5.~~ Section 8. And Be It Further Enacted, That This Act
20 shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

21 EFFECTIVE: December 27, 1993
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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 93-58 (as amended)

(Brief Title) Sheriff's Office - Transfer of Emergency

Communications Personnel

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary
of the Council

James D. Vannoy
President of the Council

Date October 12, 1993

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

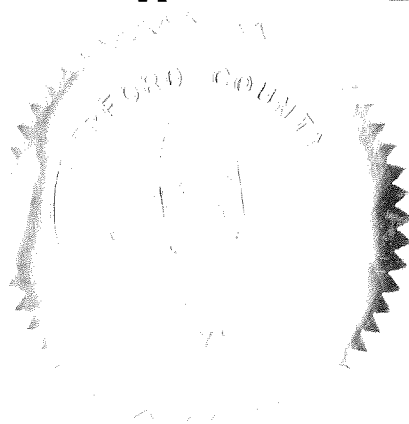
Passed: LSD 93-26 (October 12, 1993)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 13th day of October, 1993 at 3:00 p. m.



James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Eileen M. Lehmann
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date October 27, 1993

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 93-58, as amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 27, 1993.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 1993